

Utah Salt Lake City Mission Newsletter

July 2007

VOICE OF THE VINEYARD



"I, Wilford Woodruff, went to the temple of the Lord this morning and was baptized for 100 persons who were dead, including the signers of the Declaration of Independence...I felt thankful that we had the privilege and the power to administer for the worthy dead...that we could do as much for them as they had done for us." (Journal entry for August 21, 1877)



St. George Temple



Sister Sonne and I are excited and thrilled to be part of the great Utah Salt Lake City Mission. We are grateful to the Lord for allowing us to serve you and help bring souls to Jesus Christ. We love the Lord and want to do His will at all times and in all places. Our goal is to be firm, steadfast, and immovable in our support of the Lord and the Kingdom of God.

In the Doctrine and Covenants 4:5 the Lord says, "And faith, hope, charity, and love, with an eye single to the glory of God qualify him for the work." If we are to have, "an eye single to the glory of God", each of us must be willing to put aside all other concerns, interests, and desires and truly consecrate ourselves to the glory of God. If our eye is single to the glory of God, we are focused only on Him and His work. For a certain period of time we have promised the Lord we would do this. If we keep our promise, the Lord will bless us all of our lives.

The question arises as to what is the glory of God. Let me suggest at least two principles that reflect the glory of God. First, the Lord says in Moses 1:39, "For behold this is my work and my glory — to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." Father in Heaven, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost have been and continue to work to accomplish these goals. Through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, every child of God that comes to this earth will be resurrected. Having received the body they had in mortality, they will live forever and receive immortality.

We are called to work hand-in-hand with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost to lead the children of God on the path to Eternal Life. I can assure you that Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost are working night and day to accomplish this goal. They are preparing the hearts and minds of all who are receptive to receive the message we have to bring. We are to work with all of our heart, might,

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mind, and strength to find, to teach, and to baptize those whom the Lord has prepared. We glorify our Father in Heaven as we do this. And, if our eye is single to this work, we are focused on the glory of God.

Second, the Lord says in Doctrine and Covenants 93:36, "The glory of God is intelligence, or in other words, light and truth." Therefore, if our eye is single to the glory of God, we will be increasing in intelligence. In Doctrine and Covenants 130:18-19, the Lord gives us further understanding of the principle of increasing in intelligence. "Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection. And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come."

The Lord makes it clear that we increase in intelligence through diligence and obedience. All of us should regularly ponder upon our daily activities to determine how we can be more diligent and obedient. The Lord has commanded us to spend at least two hours everyday of our mission to study, thereby increasing in light and truth. If we are diligent in our study time, we will receive the increased light that comes from the Holy Ghost as He teaches us truth. The eyes of our understanding will be opened to the mysteries of godliness, and we will comprehend the principles of salvation and exaltation more clearly. We will have an eye single to the glory of God.

Hopefully in the coming weeks and months, we will have a chance to learn in more detail how to have an eye single to the glory of God. Remember that we should be focused on helping the Lord bring Eternal Life to the children of God and constantly grow in intelligence or, in other words, light and truth.

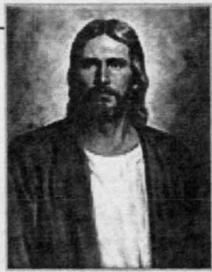
May God bless you as you strive to keep your focus on the glory of God and remove all other distractions that might inhibit you from keeping your promise to the Lord. Sister Sonne and I love you and look forward to working closely with you as you strive to do the will of God.

President Sonne

MASTER TEACHER



SISTER IKAHIFO



ELDER FRYE

Skilled Teacher

**Elder Kennington
Sister Ikaahifo
Elder Frye**

Certified Teacher

**Elder Latu
Sister Ikaahifo
Sister Morin
Elder Koskinen
Elder Frye**

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE
DAY



**ZONE CONFERENCE
JEOPARDY WINNERS:**
**SISTER COX
ELDER NELSON
ELDER GARDNER**



Baptisms:

	May
Granite.....	07
Helaman.....	17
Magna.....	16
Moroni.....	17
Olympus.....	08
Pioneer.....	14
Temple.....	07
Tooele.....	10
West Valley.....	12
Wyoming.....	13

Mission Totals:

April	106
May	126

= Happy Birthday =

09 Jul	Elder Kubal	31 Jul	Elder Orr
09 Jul	Elder Smith	01 Aug	Elder Evans
18 Jul	Elder Coss y Leon	03 Aug	Sister Juliaio
24 Jul	Elder Villalobos	05 Aug	Sister Ikaahifo
25 Jul	Elder Ferguson	09 Aug	Elder Foliaki
25 Jul	Elder Osborn	09 Aug	Elder Isenhour
31 Jul	Sister Davies	15 Aug	Elder Magpantay
31 Jul	President Moeller	15 Aug	Elder Price



ELDER PUCHETA



ELDER FRITZLER

Mission Presidency Change

It is with great love and appreciation that we bid a fond farewell to President and Sister Moeller. The best departing gift we could give them would be to be the best missionaries possible, to live up to all that they have taught us and to keep the baptisms coming.

After your mission they would like to hear from you, so please share your good news with them at:

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We extend a warm welcome to President and Sister Sonne. They come to us from the Orlando Florida South Stake where President Sonne has served as an Area Seventy. He is a former stake president and counselor, bishop, sealer and missionary in the Central British Mission. Sister Sonne has been an Institute and Continuing Education teacher, Relief Society President, Young Women adviser, temple ordinance worker and gospel doctrine teacher. They are the parents of five children.

ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT

The mission is going through a phase of transition and it is up to us missionaries to keep the momentum of the mission going. We can't slow down! We won't slow down! We have worked too hard and long to let it slide. There are great things happening and it is such an exciting time to serve the Lord. We have committed to the Prophet and to the Lord, that we will give all of our heart, might, mind and strength (D&C 4). As we study Doctrine and Covenants 4, we can better understand how we can be at our best for this change. Joseph Fielding Smith taught pertaining to D&C 4 "...Perhaps there is no other manner of qualifications of members of the Church for the service of God, and in such condensed form that this revelation. It is as broad, as high, and as deep as eternity. No Elder of the church is qualified to teach in the Church, or carry the message of Salvation to the world, until he has absorbed, in part at least, this heaven-sent instruction." Study this section thoroughly. We quote it often and need to understand our calling. Decide now to be the best, be greater than you were yesterday. We love you, we have great confidence that we will succeed.

Love,
**Elder Orr, Elder Hicks
& Elder Probst**



Welcome New Missionaries!

INCOMING JULY 4, 2007

*Spanish



Elder Clayton
Camas,
Washington



Elder Galicia*
San Luis Potosi
Mexico



Elder Harker
Magrath, AB
Canada



Elder Linder
San Antonio,
Texas



Elder Lynes
Glenwood,
Iowa



Elder Magstadt
Trabuco Canyon,
California



Elder Powell
Kearney,
Missouri



Elder Satterfield
Folsom,
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"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior..." (2 Samuel 22:2-3)

I love this work and have loved being a missionary. Keep putting your trust in the Lord and He will help you do all things. I know this church is true and feel so grateful to have been able to be a missionary for our Savior.

Keep up the good work. Your Friend, Sister Jackson

As my mission comes to an end, I can't help but think how much Heavenly Father must love me for giving me this amazing experience in my life. To have served Him for these past 2 years has really made it the best 2 years of my life. I can't think of any cause more important and more noble than to help bring souls unto Christ.

It has been worth all the slammed doors, no-show appointments, vulgar language, and daily struggles to see some of my brothers and sisters enter the waters of baptism and change their lives. The end of my favorite poem reads:

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." Elders and Sister, we all have taken the road less traveled by serving a mission. And I can promise you that if you will give it your all, it will make all the difference, both in this life and the next. This church is true. Joseph Smith was and is a prophet of God. I know the gospel is true and I love sharing it with others. May the Lord bless all of you with success in finding those that He has prepared to receive you. Thanks to all my companions for putting up with me and helping me to be a better person. Thank you, President and Sister Moeller, for teaching and guiding me these past 2 years. I will always remember you both and the things you taught me. Your Brother in Christ, Elder Jordan R. Malouf

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Departing Missionaries



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Christ, the mission has been my schoolmaster for the rest of my life. Before my mission I had just a small testimony, and on my mission it has grown tremendously. Here I have gained a true testimony of the divinity of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I've gained a knowledge of the restored gospel and I know for sure that what I have preached for 2 years is true!! "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief." 1 Timothy 1:12-13. I was baptized on the 2nd of February of 2003, and I can honestly say that every good thing that has happened to me can be traced to that day. I have been blessed so much and hope that my family can join with me someday. Also to my great Tongan companions and friends I say oku ou iloi oku moui a Siosefa Samita pea koe palofita mooni ia. Oku ou iloi oku mooni ae siasi, pea oku mooni ae tohi a molomona.pea oku ou ilo pau oku mooni ae siasi koeni, oku ou ofa lahi atu kihet eku ngaaahi hoa Tonga kotoa pe malo aupito, ofa lahi atu; "And now behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more." (Acts 20:25) And because of that I would like to tell you one more thing ; may "the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" Elder Villalobos (P.S. you'll be getting a temple wedding invitation soon, I just have to find her!)

Just as the Law of Moses was a schoolmaster for the Israelites to come unto

Someone once said that time is the most valuable thing that a man can spend, I believe this to be true. Lets take a look at how much "time" we have on our missions. We spend 8 months sleeping, we study for 2 months, and we eat for 2 months. Time is so ruthless it isn't even funny, Ralph Waldo Emerson gave some great advice, "Guard your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known. Improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life." I am grateful for the opportunity I had to serve in the Salt Lake City Mission, we are so blessed to be here, I have learned who I really am and what I can become. My testimony has grown so much and I feel like I have been prepared for the rest of my life. I love the gospel of Jesus Christ and the happiness that it has brought to me and the people I have been blessed to teach. I know that God answers our prayers for he has answered mine, I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and that he really did see the Father and Son. I also know that the Book of Mormon is the word of God and that it can help us overcome all of the snares of the adversary. Most importantly I know that Christ is my friend, Savior and Redeemer, I have felt to sing the song of redeeming love many times on my mission. I love you all and thank you for the examples you have been to me. The only advice I can give you is if you are having a bad day, it's best to just stop and wiggle with it and shake it off like you'd shake a Polaroid picture. Good luck! Elder Olsen



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Departing Missionaries Continued



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Joseph Smith once said "Let us here observe that a religion that does not require the sacrifice of all things, never has the power sufficient to create the faith necessary unto life and salvation." We are required to sacrifice all things. When you feel tired, work harder. When all the appointments dog (I was dogged 1,143 times), work even harder. Never give up.

I'll never forget the people I helped to bring into the waters of baptism. That is the true miracle. Esta iglesia es verdadera. Jose Smith fue un profeta y el libro de mormon es verdadero. Sigan trabajando Moroni y Helaman. Echenle ganas y nos vemos en el reino celestial. Adios! (viva Jesus!) Elder Smith 281-636-1339

Dear Friends, "Speak freely to all; yea, preach, exhort, declare the truth, even with a loud voice, with a sound of rejoicing, crying Hosanna, hosanna, blessed be the name of the Lord God!" D&C 19:37

Elders and Sister, now is the time, this is the place, and we each have been chosen! Christ lives and this is His work! I am so grateful for the joy and happiness that comes from bringing our friends unto our Savior, Jesus Christ! I have come to know the truthfulness of His gospel and how real it is! Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and the Book of Mormon rocks! Life is sweet and I love you all! This is my testimony and I say this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. Elder Christensen

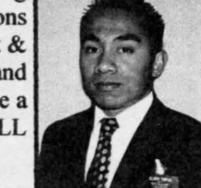
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My relationship with God is growing and my testimony is a rock that is one of the greatest gifts that keeps me strong and growing in the gospel of Jesus Christ. I thank all of my companions for their help and example. I send my love to President & Sister Moeller, thank you very much for all the love and care you gave me and for the strength and courage to be a better missionary. Thank you to all of the staff. TO ALL THE BEST:

Elder Latu "Taika mahanga" Tuku ia ka Mohetau
Elder Foliaki "keke paku" aena ia,
Elder Mohetau "Mihi Mihi" Tuku a e keli alu a koe
ki api maiz Elder Thompson <Stud Muf-
fin> Welcome to the state broooooo Elder Price I
don't know what to say Elder Noel "uliuli loi
elo" shoe meekee meekee hiihiihiih and to all the
missionaries in the mission, thank you and OFA LAHI ATU

Elder Tuifua/Tulifili/Two four/Tukua



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The mission is the greatest thing in the world!!! I know this is the work of the Lord, the Kingdom on Earth, the Gospel on High, the Truth!!! Proclaim it with all of your heart, love it and never take it for granted. It's not only a blessing, it's a privilege called of God. Take up arms and save all souls, for the time is at hand and there is no time to waste with salvation in demand. Give it your all. It's the truth!!! Amen

Elder Latuuuu "Foki koe ki api oku ikai ke to e anga koe ia" Elder Foliaki "Waazzz uppbbrrroooooo"
Elder Mohetau "Tu'a nima pe" Elder Thompson "Just add water" (Kalua Pig) Elder Young "Fe Uliuli" Elder Noel "Pure White" And to everyone, thanks for making the mission an enjoyable place to be. Elder Nau

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The mission is kind of

like a basketball game. Satan is the defense. Each basket is a baptism, free throws are those 9-year olds that just fall into your hands. A two point bucket is a baptism that you worked at and a three pointer is one of those tough ones that you shed tears for, who knows it's true but has a hard time taking that step of faith.

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Its frustrating at times when it feels as if the defense will never stop putting the pressure on. As a missionary, Satan is always applying the full court press trying to cause turnovers. He loves it when we are disobedient, or when we don't get along with our companion. He loves it when we make the smallest of mistakes and when we feel as if nothing is going our way. He loves it when our investigators drop us and he fuels off of our stress and frustration.

The thing is though, God is our coach and he has chosen President Moeller and now President Sonne as our team captain, and when we apply their teachings and instructions, we are able to frustrate the defense (Satan and his minions). We dish out assists as referrals just like the white Canadian Steve Nash, and we get nasty on the boards like Dennis Rodman. Those rebounds are the former investigators whose hearts change when they have some time for themselves. The fourth quarter is crunch time. You have to give it your all. The moment you let up, the other team strikes back and the sizable lead you may have once had is gone and the game is on the line.

Elders and sisters, I love basketball, but more importantly, I love this gospel. I love my Heavenly Father and our Savior Jesus Christ. I am so grateful for the sacrifice that He has made for me. He is my Lord, my Savior, my Redeemer, and my King. I have loved serving him for the past two years. But just as all old basketball players, it's time for me to hang 'em up. It's sad but it is time for me to take off the tag, I have loved being a missionary. Joseph Smith is a prophet of God and he restored the same church that was here when Christ Himself was here. I love you all, take care. Elder Frye

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Well, Elders & Sisters, the time has come to bid you all goodbye. I hardly know what to say other than work hard, seek the spirit, and time is short; make the most of it. Before you know it, you will be through. Remember: "Doing nothing is the hardest work of all, because there is no time to stop and rest." This is the church of Christ on the earth again, restored by Joseph Smith. The work in which we are laboring is the most important work there is. I know the Book of Mormon to be the word of God. I love you all. Keep up the great work. Love, Elder Farley

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I served a mission because I know that is what the Lord wanted me to do. My greatest joy has been to see people change their lives when they accept the gospel into their heart. I hope I never forget the experiences that I have had on my mission. I hope I never forget the things that I have learned from my investigators that I have taught, and from my companions. Remember that the happiest times on your mission will be when you work the hardest. I know that Jesus Christ is our Savior. Missionary Work is the greatest work because it helps others come closer to Him. Love, Elder Flower

Departing Missionaries



My, oh my, how time flies! I can't believe it's all over. Two years went by like a game of red rover. I don't know what to say. The truth is here to stay. Although many say it's odd, Joseph Smith was called of God. The Book of Mormon is true. I've read it through and through. It talks of Christ, our Savior, and His unselfish labor. It's He who redeems us all from the original fall. He strengthens us when we ask and makes big burdens seem like small tasks.

Thanks to President and Sister Moeller for their love and care. Thanks to all those who were my companions and to many, many others I would have loved to have served with as well. The mission is awesome and the best part is that it doesn't stop now. There's lots more work to do. Love, Elder Shane Ali'i Thompson

My friends and fellow missionaries, it has been a great blessing to serve here during these years. I have seen the blessings of God in my life more than at any other time and I feel lucky to have been here. My testimony, my love and my desire to serve the Lord have grown tremendously. I know the Master whom I have served and have come to understand more of His ways. I know His voice for I have heard the spirit whisper peace to my mind in the still and quiet hours. I know of His love for I have felt it fill my heart and strengthen my soul as I have knelt in prayer. I know His prophets for I have read their words and heard their voices, and the Holy Spirit hath testified to my spirit, burning an impression that abides in me. The church is here and this work of restoration that began with Joseph is the truest and most marvelous organization in this world. It was and is inspired of God. I know the Book of Mormon to be true and that testimony motivates me and buoys me across the waves of life. May the strength and blessing of God be with you. Love, Elder Chai

I can't believe that my mission is coming to an end; it has flown by like a dream. These have truly been two of the greatest and most joy-filled years of my life. It is amazing how much joy one can have as we forget ourselves and just serve others. I am grateful that I have been able to serve here in the Salt Lake City Mission. It has been a real privilege and blessing to serve with all of you. I am also grateful for every companion that I have had, they have all been great; I have learned so much from every one of them. I know that this is the Lord's work in which we are involved and Jesus Christ lives and leads this church today. Joseph Smith is a prophet of God, I know that without a shadow of a doubt. The gospel of Jesus Christ is real and we are here to share it with every one. Remember to serve with all your heart, might, mind and strength. I love you all and pray that this mission will continue to be the best.

Love, Elder Cavanaugh



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"Behold, I send you out to reprove the world of all their unrighteous deeds, and to teach them of a judgment which is to come. And whoso receiveth you, there I will be also, for I will go before your face. I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up." D&C 84:87-88

"Therefore, I, the Lord, have suffered you to come unto this place; for thus it was expedient in me for the salvation of souls. Therefore, verily I say unto you, lift up your voices unto this people; speak the thoughts that I shall put into your hearts, and you shall not be confounded before men; For it shall be given you in the very hour, yea, in the very moment, what ye shall say...And I give unto you this promise, that inasmuch as ye do this the Holy Ghost shall be shed forth in bearing record unto all things whatsoever ye shall say." D&C 100:4-6,8

Elders & Sisters, it's great to serve around each and every one of you, and it's great to know every one of you. Keep up the good work, God promises us that if we do His will He'll bless us. Elders & Sisters, I love you. Thank you for all of the things you taught me. I know this is God's work, this is His church, God lives, Jesus is the Christ, the Book of Mormon is truly the word of God, Joseph was a prophet of God, he did see God and His Son. I know this is the true church and I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. I love you all. Elder Paulo Esekia



"And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives! For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father. That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God." D&C 76:22-24.

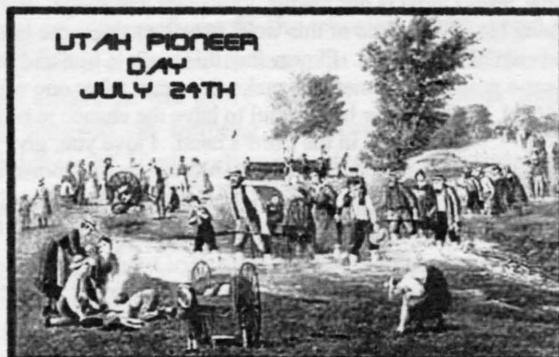


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I bear solemn testimony that Jesus is the Christ. He lived and died for our salvation. He has taught us and set the perfect example of how we should live our lives. And with perfect love, He suffered for our sins, which brought such pain that it caused even God, the Savior of the world to tremble. He is my source of faith, hope, joy, strength and all things that would lead me to become like Him. I have felt the spirit burn in my heart to confirm to me of the divinity of His mission. I love Him and I love to serve Him.

If I could take but one thing home with me, it would be my testimony and relationship with my Savior, Jesus Christ. He lives and He stands at the head of this great church as our King, our Lord and our Savior. Of these things I bear testimony, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Love, Elder Payne



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The mission has been both a challenging and an uplifting experience — one that I will treasure my whole life long! Miracles do happen! I have felt myself grow as I've learned things I never could have imagined. There is nothing else in the world like bringing the children of God back to Him. Isn't it great? This scripture has always been an inspiration to me: "*And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!*" D&C18:16.

Let us never forget the sacred, eternal nature of our call. We are servants of the Lord, called by Him to serve a very important mission - that of sharing His Gospel, His love, and His message. May we always live worthy of His name engraved upon our nametags. A ton of thanks to each of my companions...I've learned a lot from each one of you! Para los misioneros de espanol—sigan trabajando duro—les amo! E per tutti I missionary d'italiano qui—un giorno sarete molti di voi, non vi preoccupate! Stay strong and don't forget to enjoy every second of this short but eternally significant period of time. Love, Elder Daniel Prete

"And behold, when I see many of my brethren truly penitent, and coming to the Lord their God, then is my soul filled with joy; then do I remember what the Lord has done for me, yea, even that he hath heard my prayer; yea, then do I remember his merciful arm which he extended towards me."

Well, the mission has brought me a greater understanding of the life and mission of Jesus Christ. The joy that He felt as He healed and blessed the needy, to the sorrow from the rejection and persecution from the majority of those He spoke to. In this short time I have had to serve, I have been blessed to feel the joy of helping others, and just a small fraction of the sorrow the Savior must have felt. The love He has is incomprehensible. I think the greatest gift Heavenly Father has given me is the knowledge that Christ lives, that He suffered and died for me, and to be privileged to feel the healing power of the atonement. Personally, I am forever grateful and indebted to Him. Love, Elder Gardiner

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As a servant of Jesus Christ, I know that God lives, He is our Father, that Jesus Christ is our Savior, Redeemer and Judge. We are here helping He who is head of this work to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. I know that this work is true and that Joseph was a prophet. No man can make this up, it takes one who is called of God. I will forever be grateful to have the chance to be an instrument in the Lord's hand. I love you, give it your all and "Helaman y Moroni en mi Corazon,"

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and always stay true to the faith.
Love,
Elder Perez

I remember what the Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:58 "*Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*" The mission has blessed my life, I'm so happy to have been a missionary. Now it is time for me to go home, but I will never forget all the happiness in my heart that I have felt during these two years. I know the Book of Mormon is true, that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and that through him the gospel of Jesus Christ was restored. I know that the kingdom of God is on the earth, that we are in a war saving souls, that President Gordon B. Hinckley is a prophet of God, that Jesus Christ is the head of this church, He lives, He loves each one of us, and He is our teacher. The power of the Holy Ghost has testified of these things to me many times, I know that it is real, it comes from God and our Father in Heaven answers our prayers. Our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith in the spring of 1820; it did happen.

Thank you to all of my companions in the Spanish program; I love you all. You are the best in this mission ustedes lo saben, simplemente lo demuestran, hay



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muchas personas preparadas en este valle, Zone Moroni donde mori y Zona Helaman donde naci sigan adelante sean valientes ayuden a sus investigadores a llegar a alas aguas del bautismo y amen a sus compa'eros, los voy a extra'ar mucho, a ti Elder Altuzaara, Elder Jardon, mi posteridad: Elder Corona, Elder Coss y Leon, y mi hijas Hermana Hernandez & Hermana Burkhardt disfruten su estancia en el campo, trabajen y diviertanse con sus compa'eros. Love, Elder Hernandez

The experience of serving a mission is amazing. We begin to see, and begin to become what our Father in Heaven would have us to be. We grow in spiritual size. We gain life experience though we are still of tender years. The miracle is found in the fact that a man/woman can have his whole nature changed through this divine calling. The process is strenuous and often times overwhelming, but looking back it has been painless, I see only the positives. I am eternally grateful to be counted worthy to bear, across this valley, the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He does live as our Savior and Redeemer. He is the head of this church, He leads it. Joseph Smith was the great latter-day prophet, seer, and revelator, and Gordon B. Hinckley is the same today. The Book of Mormon is the work and the word of God, it can bring so much joy into a life. I know that my Heavenly Father loves me. Do not slow down in this work. "Take all the swift advantage of the hours." In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. Your brother in the Gospel,

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